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Mr. William H. Donaldson
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Re: Complaint filed on behalf of defaulted creditors of the Government of China, alleging misleading sovereign credit ratings and inadequate disclosure pertaining to the offer, sale and trading of debt securities of the People's Republic of China including violations of international law.

Dear Chairman Donaldson,

I am writing to you in reference to the Complaint (dated March 31, 2005) filed with the Division of Market Regulation, describing allegations of inappropriate and misleading sovereign credit ratings assigned to the long-term foreign currency debt of the People's Republic of China by the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSROs"). I received a copy of this complaint and based upon the substance of the allegations contained therein, it appears that a reclassification of the sovereign credit ratings of the People's Republic of China is mandated.

Since the NRSROs are regulated by the SEC Division of Market Regulation, I am certain that you will agree with me that the very serious nature of the matter which comprises the subject of this Complaint merits a formal investigation by the SEC. I request your assurance that this will be the case. I further request that I will be promptly apprised of the findings of this investigation, as I look forward to reviewing such results.

Sincerely,

BART GORDON
Member of Congress

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